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Re: Bates White Analysis prepared for the South Carolina Senate

Consolidated Docket Nos.: 2017-207-E, 2017-305-E, and 2017-370-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing an analysis titled, "Preliminary Analysis of an Interim Reduction in SCE&G Rates" prepared by Bates White Economic Consulting ("Bates White") for the South Carolina Senate. The analysis dated March 22, 2018 supports the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's ("ORS") Request for Rate Relief filed in Docket No. 2017-305-E. In the analysis, Bates White determines that South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") can withstand an interim short-term rate reduction without suffering any undue hardship.

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